

BLESSED
Part 1: Getting Started

THE STARTING PLACE (*Proverbs 1:7 NKJV*)

- ★ Fear = respect for God and His things
- ★ Fools - think lightly of God's wisdom and instruction
 - God's wisdom / instruction starts with His word

A BLESSED PERSPECTIVE INVOLVES REFUSAL (*Psalm 1:1 NKJV*)

- ❖ What is the key source of guidance / instruction in your life?
 - ◆ Counsel of the ungodly
- ❖ Who do you pattern your life after?
 - ◆ Path of sinners - the way sinners live
 - ◆ But aren't we all sinners
 - ◆ Big theme of NT is walking congruent with the change in us (*Ephesians 5:8 NKJV*)
- ❖ Seat of scornful
 - ◆ Those that mock, scorn, deride, express contempt

A BLESSED PERSPECTIVE THINKS DIFFERENTLY REGARDING GOD'S WORD
(*Psalm 1:2-3 NKJV*)

- ❖ Delight in God's Word
 - ◆ Delight - pleasure, desire, matter, to incline toward something
 - ◆ Someone who places value in God's word
- ❖ Two important characteristics of someone who delights (*Psalm 119:161-162 NKJV*)
 - ◆ God's word is personal
 - ◆ God's word is recognized as being spiritual (*Jeremiah 15:16 NKJV*) (*John 6:63 NKJV*)
- ❖ What you value you devote time to
 - ◆ Meditate - to ponder by talking to himself
 - ◆ Meditating the 23rd Psalm